

NEW ENGLAND STATE HAS BEAUTY TO SPARE

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

The state of New Hampshire offers a variety of outdoor and family activities with a landscape that traverses quiet beaches to New England's tallest mountains. The southern tier of the state is the home of Mount Monadnock, a favorite for hikers, historic cities that were the backbone of the Industrial Revolution, the historic Seaport of Portsmouth, and the rollicking Hampton Beach along the seacoast. Northern New Hampshire is dominated by the majestic White Mountains and valley villages where winter activities like skiing, skating and snowboarding abound. In the summer it's all about the hiking, biking, boating and fishing. For meeting planners, New Hampshire's inns, hotels, B&Bs and resorts can accommodate any lodging or event needs.

MANCHESTER

Manchester, the "Queen City," is located in south-central New Hampshire along the Merrimack River, 20 miles from the Massachusetts border and 58 miles from Boston. The city is ranked among the best small cities to do business in thanks to its perfect location close to Boston as well as its wonderful airport, arena, the many new restaurants, downtown shops and clubs, the Fisher Cats ball park, and the adjacent hotels and condominiums.

The Verizon Wireless Arena is the area's main civic arena and it offers over 10,000 seats for concerts, sports and other events. The new state-of-the-art Fisher cats Baseball Stadium is part of Manchester's downtown development and waterfront revitalization

project. Manchester also provides a unique opportunity to explore the world of Frank Lloyd Wright through the Zimmerman House. This historic attraction is the only residence in New England designed by the acclaimed American architect.

The Greater Manchester area can accommodate any type of meeting at one of its conference hotels. With a prime location close to entertainment and tax-free shopping, the renovated Radisson Hotel Manchester is perfect for a variety of meetings and social events providing over 65,000 sq. ft. of flexible, well appointed banquet and exhibit space. Manchester's only on-airport lodging, dining and conference facility, the Highlander, features the elegant 65-room Highlander Inn, the 22-room New England country-style Coldwell House, and the Conference Center, which accommodates up to 200 guests for corporate and social events.

The Manchester Airport is New England's most convenient airport with flights from several major carriers. The Manchester Transportation Center also provides bus service to many New England locations.

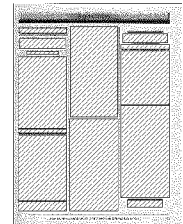
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PORTSMOUTH

Portsmouth, New Hampshire sits near the mouth of the Piscataqua River, a short, wide river that divides New Hampshire and Maine. The city is also at the hub of a metropolitan region that includes several small cities and many towns. Settled in 1623, Portsmouth is the nation's third oldest city, roughly an hour north of Boston, an hour east of Manchester and an hour south of Portland, Maine. The geographic location, intriguing history and cultural strength regularly lands Portsmouth on many "best places to live" lists. The region is noted for its many



restaurants, attractions and shopping opportunities, which include the Strawberry Banke Museum, a historic waterfront museum featuring homes and exhibits from three centuries, as well as dozens of historic homes and mansions. Attractions around the city include the Children's Museum of Portsmouth, an interactive experience for kids and the young at heart, and the Seacoast Science Center, which is situated on 330 acres at Odiorne Point.

With 15 conference rooms to choose from, the Sheraton Harborside Portsmouth Hotel & Conference Center is the ideal location to host a business function or personal gathering. Guests appreciate the property's downtown location that places them in easy walking distance to all the attractions, shops and restaurants.

Portsmouth is served by Pease International Airport but is also accessible through Logan International in Boston, Manchester Airport, and Portland International.



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